



Environmental Services Division

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ARCADIA DIESEL SPILL CLEAN-UP

ATLANTIC – Additional rain in Arcadia apparently caused a sheen in a drainage ditch Monday about 150 feet upstream of a diesel fuel leak that occurred last week.

At first the DNR investigators thought the sheen might be linked to underground piping running from an above-ground storage tank to the dispensers about 150 feet away.

“We don’t know if the sheen upstream is associated with the diesel contamination,” said Alison Manz, a DNR environmental specialist. “We will know more from the monitoring wells that were installed today when we determine the direction the ground water is moving.”

The discharge last Friday was contained over the weekend, and appeared to be coming from contaminated soil and groundwater near an above-ground storage tank. The contaminated soil will be excavated and land applied.

The DNR was at the scene Monday and Tuesday, working with a private contractor and Arcadia Limestone to discover the source of the problem.

A private company is conducting a line tightness test and has a groundwater professional on-site to determine what’s causing the diesel leak, said Dan Stipe, supervisor of the DNR Atlantic field office.

Until the problem is fixed, the DNR has required Arcadia Limestone to put a tarp over the area of contamination, hire a contractor to ensure that the diesel is contained, and to contract with a certified ground water professional to find the source of the problem.

The limestone company is using pads and booms in the waterway to prevent diesel fuel from going downstream and into the Boyer River.

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